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Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject application:

1. (currently amended) A method for automatically printing, without a need for user action, a hard copy of transaction information relating to a transaction conducted electronically between a user-side and a supplier-side comprising the steps of:

automatically identifying, without reliance on user action, a selected aspect of information regarding said electronic transaction[[,] in an electronic communication between said user-side and said supplier-side, and after automatically identifying the selected aspect of information generating a print request;

sending said print request to a printing apparatus; and

printing information regarding said electronic transaction in response to said print request.

2. (original) The automatic printing method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

storing said information regarding said electronic transaction in a storage medium.

3. (previously presented) The automatic printing method of claim 1

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wherein the step of automatically identifying comprises the steps of:

notifying a control apparatus of communication between the user-side and the supplier-side;

monitoring the communication;

automatically recognizing, without reliance on user action, the selected aspect of information regarding said electronic transaction; and

generating a print request in response to recognizing the selected aspect of information regarding said electronic transaction.

4. (original) The method for automatically printing of claim 3 further comprising the step of:

storing said information regarding said electronic transaction in a storage medium.

5. (original) The method for automatically printing of claim 1, wherein said step of automatically identifying occurs at the user-side.

6. (currently amended) A method for automatically printing, without a need for user action, a hard copy of transaction information relating to a transaction conducted electronically between a user-side and a supplier side comprising the steps of:

automatically identifying, without reliance on user action, a selected aspect of information regarding said electronic transaction[[,]] in an electronic

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communication between said user-side and said supplier-side, and after automatically identifying the selected aspect of information generating a print request;

sending said print request to a printing apparatus via a local area network;
and

printing information regarding said electronic transaction in response to said print request.

7. (original) The automatic printing method of claim 5 further comprising the step of:

storing said information regarding said electronic transaction in a storage medium.

8. (previously presented) The automatic printing method of claim 5 wherein the step of automatically identifying further comprises the steps of:

notifying a control apparatus of communication between the user-side and the supplier-side;

monitoring the communication;

automatically recognizing, without reliance on user action, the selected aspect of information regarding said electronic transaction; and

generating a print request in response to recognizing the selected aspect of information regarding said electronic transaction.

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9. (original) The automatic printing method of claim 7 further comprising the step of:

storing said information regarding said electronic transaction in a storage medium.

10. (original) The automatic printing method of claim 6, wherein said step of automatically identifying occurs at the user-side.

11. (withdrawn) A system for automatically printing, without a need for user action, a hard copy of transaction information relating to a transaction conducted electronically between a user-side and a supplier-side comprising:

a controller configured to automatically identify, without reliance on any user action, a selected aspect of information regarding said electronic transaction to thereby generate a print request;

a communication circuit coupled with said controller for communicating the print request; and

a printer coupled with said controller for printing information regarding said electronic transaction in response to said print request.

12. (withdrawn) The system for automatically printing of claim 11 further comprising:

a storage apparatus coupled with said controller and configured to store the information regarding said electronic transaction.

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13. (withdrawn) The system for automatically printing of claim 11 wherein said controller comprises:

a notification unit configured to notify of communication between the user-side and the supplier-side;

a monitoring circuit configured to monitor the communication;

a recognizing circuit configured to automatically recognize, without reliance on user action, a selected aspect of information regarding the electronic transaction;

a print request generator configured to generate, when said selected aspect of information is recognized, a print request to be sent to the printer.

14. (withdrawn) The system for automatically printing of claim 13 further comprising:

a storage apparatus for storing the information regarding said electronic transaction.

15. (withdrawn) The system for automatically printing of claim 11, wherein said controller configured to automatically identify is at the user-side.

16. (withdrawn) A system for automatically printing a hard copy of transaction information relating to a transaction conducted electronically between a user-side and a supplier-side comprising:

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a controller configured to automatically identify, without reliance on user action, a selected aspect of information regarding said electronic transaction to thereby generate a print request;

a communication circuit coupled with said controller for communicating the print request via a local area network;

a printer coupled with said controller for printing information regarding said electronic transaction in response to said print request.

17. (withdrawn) The system for automatically printing of claim 16 further comprising:

a storage apparatus couple with said controller and configured to store the information regarding said electronic transaction.

18. (withdrawn) The system for automatically printing of claim 16 wherein said controller comprises:

a notification unit configured to notify of communication between a user-side and the supplier- side;

a monitoring circuit configured to monitor the communication;

a recognizing circuit configured to recognize, at the user-side, without reliance on user action, a selected aspect of information regarding the electronic transaction;

a print request generator configured to generate, when said selected aspect of information is recognized, a print request to be sent to the printer via the local

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area network.

19. (withdrawn) The system for automatically printing of claim 18 further comprising:

a storage apparatus coupled with said controller and configured to store the information regarding said electronic transaction.

20. (withdrawn) A printer for automatically printing, without a need for user action, a hard copy of transaction information relating to a transaction conducted electronically between a user-side and a supplier-side comprising:

a receiver for receiving instructions from a controller, wherein said controller automatically identifies, without reliance on user action, a selected aspect of information regarding said electronic transaction, to thereby generate a print request to be sent to the printer; and

printing means to print information regarding said electronic transaction in response to the print request.

21. (withdrawn) The printer apparatus of claim 20 wherein said controller comprises:

a notification unit configured to notify of communication between the user-side and the supplier side;

a monitoring circuit configured to monitor the communication;

a recognizing circuit configured to recognize, at the user-side, without

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reliance on user action, a selected aspect of information regarding said electronic transaction;

a print request generator configured to generate, when said selected aspect of information is recognized, a print request to be sent to the printer.

22. (withdrawn) A printer for automatically printing, without a need for user action, a hard copy of transaction information relating to a transaction conducted electronically between a user-side and a supplier side comprising:

a receiver for receiving instructions from a controller, wherein said controller automatically identifies, without reliance on user action, a selected aspect of information regarding said electronic transaction to thereby generate a print request to be sent to the printer via a local area network; and

printing means to print information regarding said electronic transaction information in response to the print request.

23. (withdrawn) The printer of claim 22 wherein the controller comprises:

a notification unit configured to notify of communication between the user-side and the supplier-side;

a monitoring circuit configured to monitor the communication;

a recognizing circuit configured to recognize, on the user-side, without reliance on user action, a selected aspect of information regarding said electronic transaction;

a print request generator configured to generate, when said selected aspect

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of information is recognized, a print request to be sent to the printing means via
the local area network.